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To: Field Managers
Attention: 1330 Mineral Materials Program Specialists

From: Deputy State Director, Division of Resources

Subject: Area-wide Mineral Materials Appraisal Update - Sand and Gravel

The last area-wide mineral materials appraisal was updated in 1997 and is currently in use in the Field Offices. While royalty values have remained stable in some areas, others have changed significantly which necessitates an updated price schedule. Given the extended timeframe for which such an update can be prepared, an interim, preliminary royalty price schedule has been provided for Field Office use until the final appraisal is prepared and approved. This interim schedule is provided, in order to ensure that the Bureau continues to receive Fair Market Value for public mineral materials resources.

These values are for *sand and gravel only*, in-place, pit-run, for small sales permits of less than 10,000 cubic yards. For quantities exceeding 10,000 cubic yards (or weight equivalent), or for other commodities, a request should be made to the State Office 1330 Program Lead for a narrative appraisal. This threshold volume should cover most small sales of sand and gravel, including Free Use Permits, Exclusive Sales and Community Pits. The interim values presented below are listed for each Field Office and are based on the most recent data gathered in those areas.

These values should be entered into the LR2000 Case Recordation System for *Appraisal/Reappraisal Approved* action remarks, for the unit value listed, as of the date of this memorandum.

Interim Area-wide Gravel Royalty Price Schedule - March 22, 2004

Field Office	\$/cubic yard	\$/ton
MT 010 - Billings	\$0.50	\$0.33
MT 020 - Miles City	\$0.50	\$0.33
MT 030 - Dakotas	\$0.65	\$0.43
MT 050 - Dillon	\$0.50	\$0.33
MT 060 - Lewistown, Great Falls, Havre, Malta	\$0.75	\$0.50
MT 070 - Butte	\$0.50	\$0.33
MT 100 - Missoula	\$0.65	\$0.43

Values are for in-place quantities removed.

\$/ton values are based on an average conversion factor of 1.5
tons/cubic yard.

For any questions, clarifications, or to request a formal, narrative
appraisal, please contact Dave Coppock in the Montana State Office,
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